



BIKE BRANDING . . . Police Officer Zeke Trezise stamps a serial number on Gary D'Onofrio's new bicycle and assigns him a license. Bike owners, whether new or old, may register their mounts any Friday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at the Torrance Police Station. Fee for issuing a new license is 50 cents, renewal 25 cents. Registering the bicycle facilitates the return of the vehicles if stolen and later recovered by police, points out Police Chief John Stroh.

Women's Wrath Is Powerful Force for Law

By AGNES BOLTER
When women's wrath is aroused, look out!
Sixty-five women crowded the court room of the City Hall last Monday afternoon, eager to offer their help in searching the city for the hideout of the rapist, whose story they had read on front pages of the Herald since he committed his crime against a ten year old girl on her way to Sunday school last Jan. 11.

They came from everywhere in Torrance and the surrounding area, from Hawthorne to Waverly, North Torrance and Lomita. They came from every walk of life, young and old and in-between working mothers and housewives. A few were accompanied by their husbands. Many brought their children along. But throughout these differences, there was one quality of sameness. There were no curiousity seekers here. These women were angry.

Their anger was not the hysteria of the mob; it was a cold and determined anger. These women were of one mind: that the criminal should not escape his deserved punishment.

There was no chattering among the women as Sgt. D. C. Cook explained how the search would be conducted. The room was silent save for Sgt. Cook's voice. His audience sat in a pose of intense concentration, and anger and determination made the faces as one.

As Sgt. Cook warned the group that the rapist would undoubtedly strike again if he were not apprehended, and might kill the next time if his victim did not stifle her cries of pain as the little choir girl did, looks of fear and anxiety crossed the faces of the women.

Mothers clutched their children tightly, as if to ward off danger by their very touch. One little girl sat on her mother's lap, chewing a piece of chocolate candy. She squirmed to loosen the hold of mother's arms, not understanding the woman's need to protect her child.

When the briefing was over, Sgt. Cook asked for volunteers to begin the search. Response was quick and eager. There were no backsliders. Everyone was ready to do a job.

The women drove their own cars, checking areas within a five-mile radius of the city. They reported their findings to the police, who will continue the investigation.

It may be that one of the volunteers located the hideout on her search. If so, no one will doubt the ability of an angry woman to achieve her objective.

Even if results are negligible, one thing will stand out—that women, when angry, can be a powerful influence toward the enforcement of law and order.

Bandits Drive In, Rob, Drive Out



CAPTAIN JACK YOUNG
Listed by Roosevelt as Among "My Friends"

Man Who Portrayed Roosevelt To Attend FDR Memorial Dinner

Captain Jack Young, famous for his portrayal of the late President Roosevelt, has accepted an invitation to attend the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Dinner to be held at the Eagles Hall in Redondo Beach Friday night, Jan. 30.

Rosemary De Camp of Hollywood Riviera (Mrs. John Shidler in private life) will preside as mistress of ceremonies. Members of the Torrance Democratic Club are supporting this area-wide Democratic rally.

It was Young who was personally chosen by Roosevelt to play his part in "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "Mission to Moscow" and other motion pictures in which the President was featured.

"Captain Young looks like the late Roosevelt, talks like Roosevelt, and because of personal friendship for the President, is devoting much of his life and talents to keeping the memory of F.D.R. alive," said Charles Wortham, program chairman for the big Democratic rally.

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Pistol-Packing Pair Net \$97 At Drive-In

A pair of pistol-toting masked bandits Monday night robbed two attendants at the Harbor Drive In Theater escaping with nearly \$100, Joseph J. Green, owner, reported to sheriff's deputies.

According to Joe D. Haley, 1654 W. 214th St., an attendant, the bandit duo approached the ticket booth in a light colored 1939 Ford sedan. They kept their faces down until Haley asked, "How many, please?" It was then that Haley noticed the men wore masks over the lower portion of their faces.

One of the men got out of the car and brandishing a long barreled blue steel revolver approached Cashier Edith Norris, 1270 Pacific Coast Highway, and demanded what money was in the till. The bandits escaped with \$97.30, Green said.

One bandit was described as male, 20-22 years of age, 6 feet tall, and weighing approximately 170 pounds. The theater employees could not describe the man who remained in the bandit car.

The duo made a U-turn around the box office and sped away.

McCown Re-elected
A. J. McCown, president of McCown Drug Stores, Inc., was reelected president of the Harbor Area Employees' Council following the annual meeting of the corporation Monday. One of the founders of the organization, he begins his fifth year as its president. H. E. Petro, general manager of the McCown Drug Stores, was among the new directors named.

Carson Cracker Barrel Carson St. PTA Picks Nominating Group

By GWEN BARKAN
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Although the year has a long way to go to its completion various organizations in the Carson area are looking ahead to next year and are electing nominating committees to insure leadership and a well-planned program. The Carson Street PTA chose its nominating committee and they are to report at the next association meeting in February. The voting takes place in April. Those serving on the committee are: Mmes. M. Q. Wallace, principal of Carson Street school, Mrs. C. Wittenburg, Mrs. R. Gilbert, Mrs. Jack Spence and Mrs. Molynaux. The division of the district means that many good and loyal PTA workers will be at the Dolores Street school next term.

In the same spirit, presidents of the 14 elementary school PTAs in the Gardena-Wilmington council will meet at the home of Mrs. L. Lobach in Gardena to nominate officers for the coming year. Attending from this area will be Mrs. A. Blacker, Dominguez; Mrs. E. Foster, Catskill; Mrs. Nakantani, Del Amo; and Mrs. A. Barkan, Carson Street.

There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Council tonight, Thursday, at 7:30 at the Carson Street school in Bungalow 12. The main business on tonight's agenda is the building of a youth center somewhere in this area. Carson Street PTA members will be hostesses and refreshments will be served.

Deserting the country for city living are the Ben Cliff family, who for the past eight years have made their home at the Cliff Dairy on Avalon Blvd. They have bought a new home in Wilmington, at 1215 Banning Blvd., directly across from Banning Park, and their present home will be used as an office purpose.

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PIN UP GIRLS . . . Two city hall employees "fack" up a certificate awarded the City of Torrance by Gov. Warren. The document, bearing the great seal of the State of California, was given to Torrance because its voters turned out in greater percentage at the November election than did the rest of the state. Of its registered voters, Torrance ranked up a 90.18 per cent vote turnout as compared to the state average of 86.5 per cent. Putting up the certificate where all can see are Polly de Mayle (left) and Ladeen Chamberlain. Who says women don't have an interest in politics?

Childhood Accidents Fill World Of Toddlers With Many Pitfalls

Last year about 6000 children under four years of age were killed by accidents. This is rather surprising in view of the fact that the world of a toddler is small indeed when compared to the world in which other children find themselves, according to Dr. Roy O. Gilbert, Los Angeles County health officer. Yet the older group, 5-14, accounted for less than 1100 accidental deaths last year.

The obvious conclusion is that the period of life during which the child is completely dependent on others for his safety is indeed a dangerous one. It points out rather sharply that many children are dependent for their safety on adults who cannot be depended on. It should point out also that parents have a grave responsibility to educate themselves in matters of child behavior and the possible hazard faced by young children.

Has No Fear
Parents should be aware that it is natural for a young child to explore his surroundings in an ever-widening circle with no thought as to whether such exploration is safe or dangerous. It is natural that a child goes through a period in which he will put objects or substances into his mouth if such is at all possible. A healthy child will climb or run about with no thought as to whether he might fall one foot or a hundred feet—or, as too frequently happens—into a backyard fish pond. Believe it or not, more drownings occur between the ages of one and two than at any other age. Each year in this country more than 400 children of such ages drown, most of them in their own backyards or bath-tubs.

A Dangerous Age
It is in this same age group, 1-2, that about one fourth of all accidental poisonings occur. In most cases, the fact that these young children were able to get their hands on poisons indicates that certain adults were careless in handling these substances or were careless in their supervision of children.

Death certificates show that many such poisonings resulted from careless storage or placement of cleaning fluids, liquid fuels, insecticide medicines and poisons for household pests. One death certificate reveals that an infant, too young to walk or creep, died in his crib from eating 20 salicylate tablets which were furnished him by a four-year-old who had taken them from his mother's purse.

Care Needed
Each year a great many children are killed by falls which could be prevented by alert parents. An illustration of this fact appeared in a leading magazine not long ago. A two-year-old was killed in a fall from a second story balcony. The father said that the child had been seen on previous occasions pushing a chair over to the balcony railing and climbing up to look into the street below. Yet nothing had been done to prevent what any person with knowledge of child behavior could have predicted would end tragically.

Healthy Pay Hike Given Teachers

School teachers, janitors, bus drivers and other employees of the Torrance Unified School District will get a double increment pay increase beginning with the new semester next month.

The pay hike, which will mean about \$30 a month for most teachers, was granted by the Board of Education Tuesday evening in a move to keep the district abreast of other schools and industry in a competitive bidding for good personnel. Dr. J. H. Hill, superintendent of the district, explained yesterday.

The new scale raises the minimum annual salary for certificated personnel (teachers) to \$3650, a boost of \$300 a year. The new minimum is now the same as the Los Angeles City School system's minimum, Dr. Hill said.

"We were losing our good maintenance and custodial men to industries, and were finding it harder to secure the high caliber of teacher which we seek," the superintendent said.

The pay hikes go to all employees of the district. In effect, it raises each employee two steps in the salary scale which governs the pay rate for each member of the system. In addition to the advantage it gives the district in holding personnel of proven ability, it enables administrators to select new teachers for the district from among the top available candidates in the area, Dr. Hill said.

"This will be especially important when we get ready to staff two new elementary schools next fall," he said.

Walteria News Notes

Install MYF Leaders In Impressive Rites
By BETTY MITCHELL
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The soft glimmer of candlelight amid white flowers created a consecrated atmosphere last Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cramer, Los Codona, when the MYF held its annual election of officers and installation. The ceremony was held in front of a golden cross flanked with white tapers, with white flowers at the base of the centerpiece. Installed as officers of the group were: Clelen Gordon, president; Vlek Hagan, vice-president and worship chairman; Patty Wingard, secretary; Otto Stieffel, treasurer; Eugene Gwynne, recreation chairman; John Mishimoto, publicity chairman. More than 44 young people attended the meeting. After the installation ceremony, the group enjoyed cookies and punch. Sponsors of the group for this coming year will be Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cramer and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Wickstrom.

Another of our Walteria girls will soon be marching down the aisle. Mr. and Mrs. E. Z. Crovella of Park St. have recently announced the engagement of their daughter, Catherine, to Frederick Eakins of Newton St. Fred is with the U. S. Army and is stationed at Fort Ord at the present time. Plans are for a wedding in Las Vegas on Feb. 1. Catherine is a former pupil at Torrance High School. Best of luck and many years of happiness are wished for the young couple.

Friday guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Al Gibbs of Long Beach was Mrs. Margaret Dowd of Neece Ave.

A course in first aid has been started at the Walteria Recreation Hall for all those interested. The class will meet on Tuesday

A little late, but better late than never, we found out that Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Harrison of Los Codona were Christmas Eve guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Selee of Glendale. They spent some of their holiday time at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Batzell and family in Alhambra too.



DESERT BOUND . . . Bern Price, with the Torrance Herald as assistant advertising manager for the past six months, is leaving this week to accept the post as executive advertising manager of the Palm Springs Desert Sun. Price was with the Palm Springs paper prior to coming to Torrance.